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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Applicants' representative, Mr. Joseph Ciardi on April ??, 2011.

The application has been amended as follows. The specification has been amended as follows to include required section headings.

On p. 9, before line 1, the following heading is inserted.

Summary of the Invention

On p. 9, line 24, the heading is amended to read as follows (the word Detailed has been added at the beginning).

Detailed Description of the Invention

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. The claims are free of the prior art. The specification discloses on p. 40, first paragraph, that Applicants made the set of purified peptides recited in the claims, by performing a complete digestion of elastin with MMP12.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the

issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ROSANNE KOSSON whose telephone number is (571)272-2923. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon., Thurs., Fri., 8:30-6:00, Tues., 8:30-2:00, Wed. off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert B. Mondesi, can be reached on 571-272-0956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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